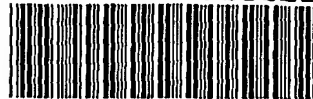


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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages _____ received by this Authority on _____
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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International application No.
PCT/CN2004/000206**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement:**

Novelty (N)

Claims 1—3

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims 1—3

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1—3

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-3 meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(4).

The document 1 (US 5658339A) concerns a compression hip screw plate which includes a compression plate for compressing the femur. The compression plate has more than one hole on its surface, and fixing elements for fixing the plate on the surface of the femur extend through these holes respectively. The plate also includes an enhancing bone screw which extends through the plate and the femur. A centre bone screw is provided, one end of which is screwed with the enhancing bone screw and the other end of which protrudes out the neck of the femur.

The difference between claim 1 and document 1 is that the former further includes a femur neck protecting device, the other end of the centre bone screw, at which the centre bone screw is screwed with the enhancing bone screw, is interposed into and fixed in the femur neck protecting device.

The document 2 (CN 2534997Y) discloses such femur neck protecting device (10). The device includes a centre bone screw (14). The other end of the centre bone screw is interposed into and fixed in the femur neck protecting device.

It is obvious that the skilled person in the art combine the document 1 and 2 and consequently gain the solution of claim 1. The combination does not create any unexpected satisfactory effect. So claim 1 doesn't involve an inventive step, and does not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(3).

The additional features of appendant claims 2-3 are all disclosed by document 2. So they also do not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(3).